Hindi News Readers:

Sl.No.	Name	Date of Birth	Qualification
1.	Mrs. Avinash Kaur	21.10.1959	M.Sc.
2.	Mrs. Gazala Amin	18.10.1957	M.A.
3.	Shri J.V. Raman	13.10.1945	M.A.
4.	Ms. Meeta Choudhary	10.02.1966	M.A.
5.	Ms. Manjari Joshi	19.03.1959	M.A.
6.	Mrs. Neelam Sharma	07.03.1967	M.A.
7.	Shri Shubhendu Amitabh	30.06.1964	LL.B/Ph.D.
8.	Ms. Sarla Maheshwari	14.04.1953	M.A./Ph.D.
9.	Ms. Sameena	18.05.1969	B.A., B.Ed.
10.	Shri Sanjeev Upadhyaya	30.11.1962	B.A.
11.	Shri Lalrin Sanghi Ralte	04.08.1959	B.A.
12.	Ms. Poonam Kerketta	21.06.1969	B.A.

Anchors—Hindi & English:

Sl.No.	Name	Date of Birth	Qualification	Rate of Fee per month
1.	Ms. Mrinal Pandey (Hindi)	26.02.1946	M.A.	Rs. 1,50,000/-
2.	Shri Rahul Dev (Hindi)	20.12.1956	M.A.	Rs. 1,50,000/-
3.	Shri Sunit Tandon (English)	12.08.1958	M.A.	Rs. 75,000/-
4.	Shri Nalin S. Kohli (English)	11.01.1971	B.A.,MBA, LL.B	Rs. 60,000/-

Return of National Film Awards by the recipients

4019. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several award winners in the recent 48th National Film Festival have returned their awards to Government;

(b) if so, details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several members of the Jury also tendered their resignation;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government would institute an inquiry into the matter; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) While reports have appeared in the press in this regard, no communication has been received from any award winner to this effect.

(c) and (d) Out of the 17 members Jury constituted by the Government for deciding the 48th National Film Awards (Feature Film Category), three members dis-associated themselves at the final stage of deliberations as they did not agree with the views of the majority of the members. Two out of these three members subsequently sent their resignations from the Jury. No communication has been received from the third Jury member.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. The Awards have been decided by Jury in accordance with the Regulations for the 48th National Film Awards. The Jury functions independently and determines its own work procedure. The Government does not interfere in the functioning or deliberations of the Jury.

Newspapers and Periodicals registered with DAVP for advertisements

4020. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of newspapers and periodicals registered with DAVP for the purpose of advertisement for the period from Ist April, 2000 to 31st December, 2000, language-wise; and

(b) the details of new newspapers and renewals separately, language-wise?